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In February a cell of the ALF was formed in Montréal.

Our first campaign was directed against a series of Delicatessans and butcher shops on Boul. St-Laurent, a major Montréal shopping street, where complete corpses can be seen hanging on display in windows. Our first action, on Feb. 26, was to attack these shops with spraypaint, spraying the slogan "La viande est le meurtre - meat is murder". We repeated this action on March 8th. On March 16th, we attacked these shops, posterizing the windows with the same slogan and super-glueing the locks. Finally, on April 2nd, we threw a brick through the window of the most visually horrifying of these shops.

We encourage all people concerned with the rights of animals to form autonomous and secure cells to undertake similar actions (and hopefully even bigger ones). Such actions are simple and, if carried out with common sense, relatively safe.

URGENT

On June 3, 1987, thirteen persons are processed at the Court of the Jury in Lamia, Greece facing serious charges like construction and use of explosives (molotov bombs). The 13 had been arrested on May 13, 1986 during a manifestation in Athens against the use of nuclear power after the Chernobyl accident.

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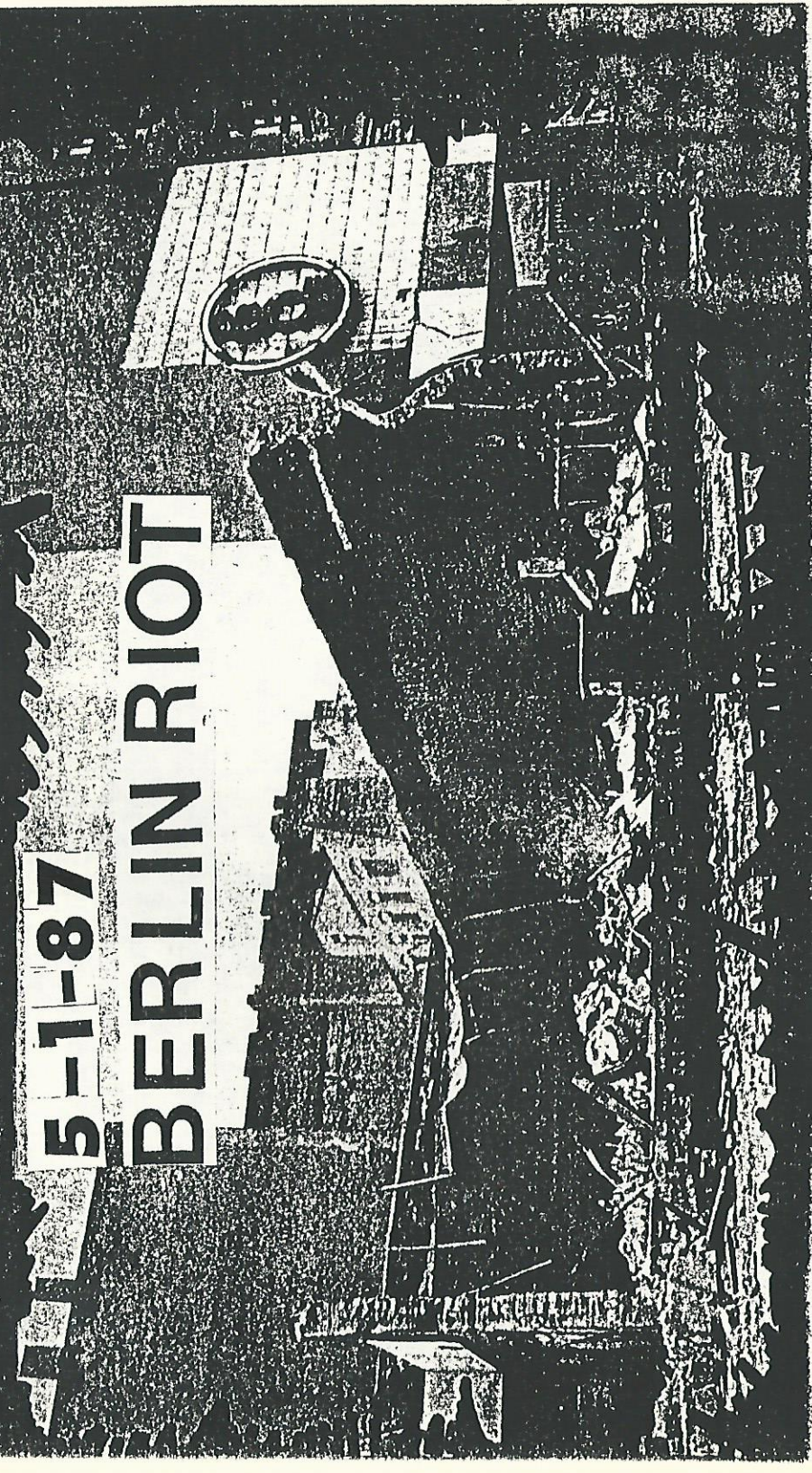
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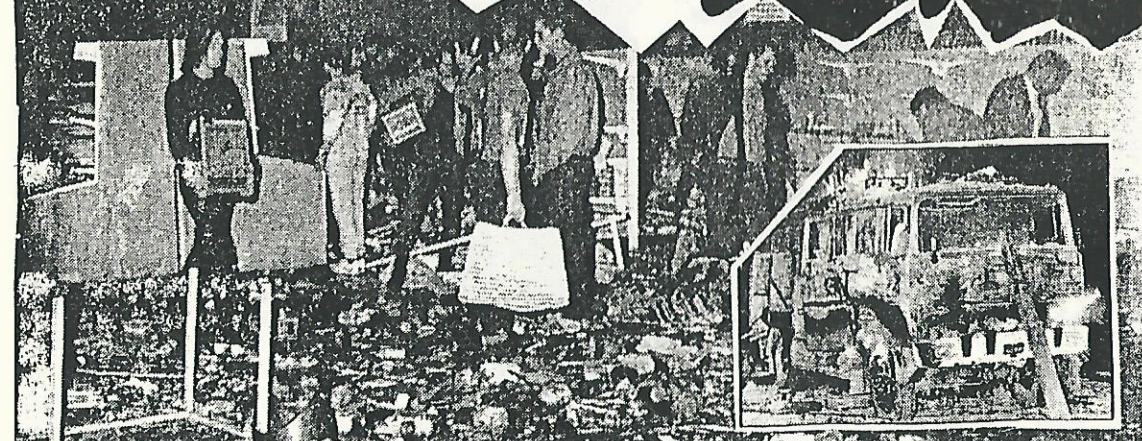
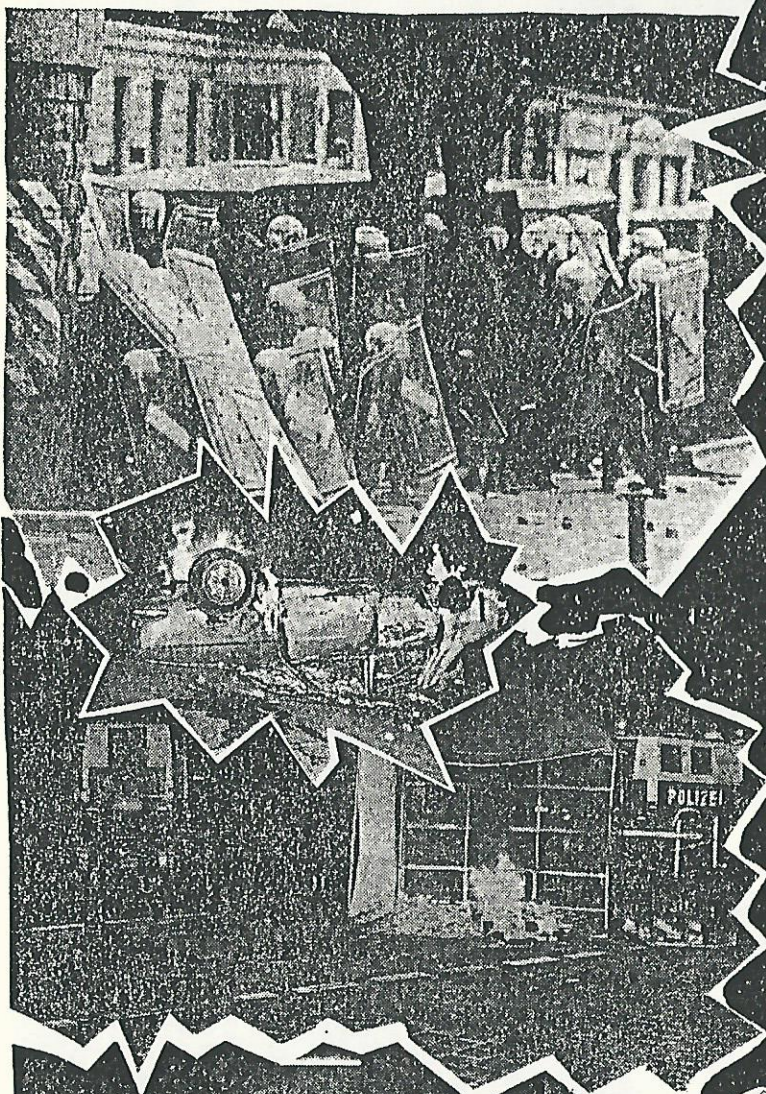
BERLIN RIOT



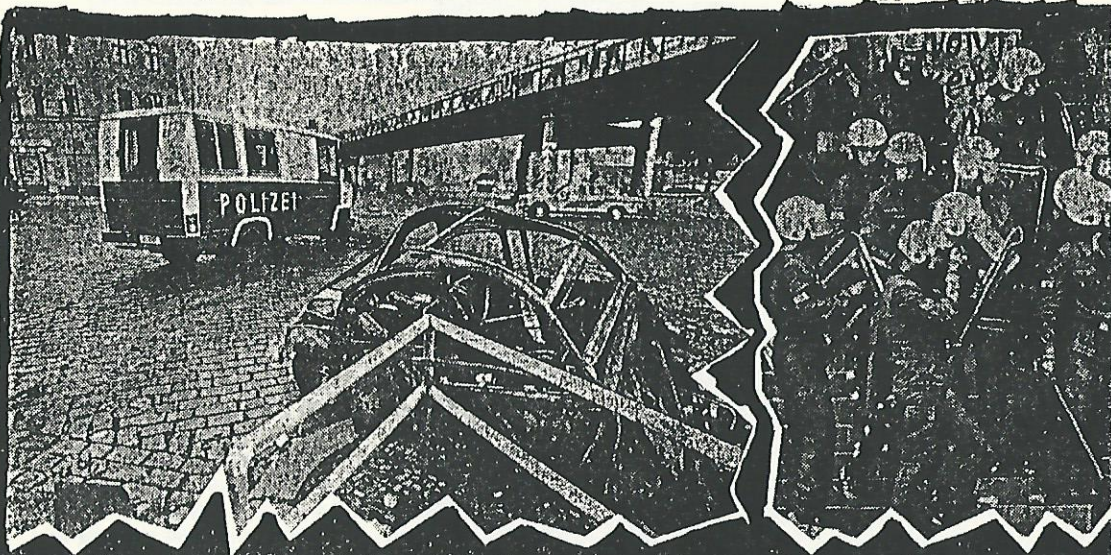
One day after the opening of the Berlin 750 years anniversary, on the 1th may we got the first revolt in the federal republik of germany in Berlin.

After the union marches there was a streetfestival in the Berlin district Kreuzberg, the traditional Lausitzer Platz (the place it was) streetfestival, whers more then 2000 people celebrate.

In the morning of this day, the police searched an antiscensus bureau in the Mehringhof (an alternative center) and confiscated a lot of material. In cause of that 100 autonome wanted to make a demo from the festival. The people marched only a short distance away, but that was enough for the police to start a fight. The police pulled the people with sticks and teargas back to the festival, the autonome pulled the police away. At that time there were also fights at another side of the place. The fights got harder first barricades and burning cars were on the streets. when the police pullen the people away they came often into the festival, cause the people looked of the safety of it. After a time the police cleared the whole place with teargas, no matter there was a festival, and a great riot arise. But a lot of people joined the fights, not only autonome, the mass of the people were punks, foreign inhabitants, grandmas and daas, normal people, tramps, kids, festival visitors, families etc. So the police couldn't get the situation under control, in a lot of streets barricades have been burning, the first supermarkets got plunder. And from hour to hour it have been more and more people, some thousands of anti berliner (so the Berlin burgo-master) began to destroy their district and to fight against police.



Plünderer schleppen Kartons und Taschen mit Lebensmitteln aus der verwüsteten Bolle-Filiale. Polizei ist nicht am Ort.



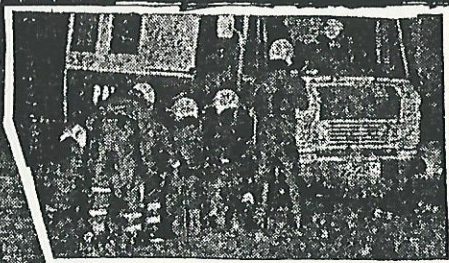
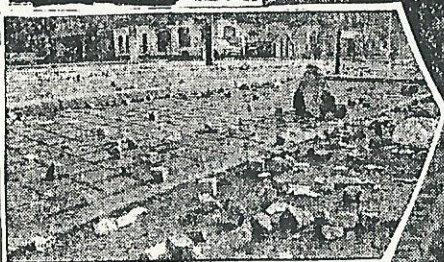
In the whole district barricades have been build, cars burned and the attacks against the police got harder. Shops got plunder in the front of the police, they did not come to them. The firebrigade stopped their actions against burning barricades and shops, cause they got also attacked. One of their cars burned down when they have to flight, 16 other got damaged. At 23 o'clock the police leaved the district. Thousands of people celebrated a big party with things from the supermarkets opened for free shopping. In the night 36 shops got plunder, mostly supermarkets, a weaponshop, but also a lot of small shops. Fire got layed in the shops, one supermarket burned down to the ground. The underground (which is in 36 an orchestra railway) got closed, one station got totally damaged also from a big fire layed under the railway. The people got crazy, from the atmosphere and the free alcohol, it made them running wild. They destroyed everything from street signs to traffic lights, windows got smashed also in flats.

At one o'clock in the night the police concentrate at a place in a neighbourhood district tanks and other heavy material. The policemen there got steelhelmets.

But they were not used, the police waited two hours and normal policemen came massive back to Kreuzberg. watercannons put out the fires, bulloosier cleared the streets from barricades. There were no great resistance against, a lot of the people gone home, or were totally drunken, or safed their goods from the shops. At 6 o'clock in the mornigg the district was quiet again.

Hundrets of people got hurted, also 193 policemen. About 50 people got arrested, 26 of them came to the judge of arrest, the rest were liberated. the damage amount between 15 and 20 million DM.

It was the first time that a really mass of people, also such a lot of foreign inhabitants joined a riot started by autonome. Everybody looked now for reasons especially the officials. Their first reaction was more police, since days 1000 policemen were in the district. The discussion about the reasons of the riot went on, more in the next bulletin.



BERLIN - HOCHTIEF

Anti-Wackeradorf-action

At 28-3-87 the "autonomous cell Erna Sielka" attacked a building site of "Brückner - Grundbau", a subsidiary company of the WAA-company "Hoch-Tief" in Berlin-Kreuzberg, Tempelhofer Ufer. "There has been discussed enough", they wrote. "The date of our action we choosed whith consciousness: At 28-3-87 at the Three Miles Island AKW near Harrisburg there was a heavy accident and the consequences are not to be forseen." Two special KM machines have been destroyed. This was the third action against "Hoch-Tief" in these weeks of april.

"DAY-X" FOR HAFENSTRASSE
HAMBURG 23-4-87

Not for to react on new partly evictions but to act for themselves occupants of former squatted houses in Hafenstraße and supporters attacked the villa of the Hamburg citizen president Martin Wilhelm (CDU). 25 pupils and students squatted the private radio station "Radio Hamburg" and forced an interview about Hafenstraße and sanitation politics of the senate. Leaflets where spreaded all over in town. Unknown people got into the rooms of the responsible bayliff and spraided butter- acid. also in other offices. This evening the police helplessly remarked 16 criminal offences/ demonstrative actions one after the other and got 3 persons into prison because they emptied a fire extinguisher in front of a school. This means in future th there will be more police in the streets of Hamburg. on 17-5-87

there are elections to the Hamburg parliament and the officials of police and government are waiting for some more actions like this.

KÖLN - KIROHE

During the visit of the pope in Germany on 1-5-87 in Cologne the catholic St. Brictius-church was burned down by unknown people. Before this happend, the enemies of the church wrote the words: "Churches we like, if they burn" onto the walls. In the city of cologne there was a demonstration by nearly 1000 people against the pope and the catholic church. Some of the demonstrators were naked, they only weared masks. "Send the pope to hell!"
SEND THE POPE TO HELL"

IMPERIALIST SANCTUARY POLICY

Recently, drastic limitations of the sanctuary laws have been resolved upon:

- 1.) The prohibition to work for sanctuary applicants whose application has not yet been decided on. Its duration is extended from 2 to 5 years.

- 2.) The necessity of a transit visa for travellers is considerably extended. People from Lebanon, Syria, Ghana, Pakistan and Bangla Desh now also need a transit visa.

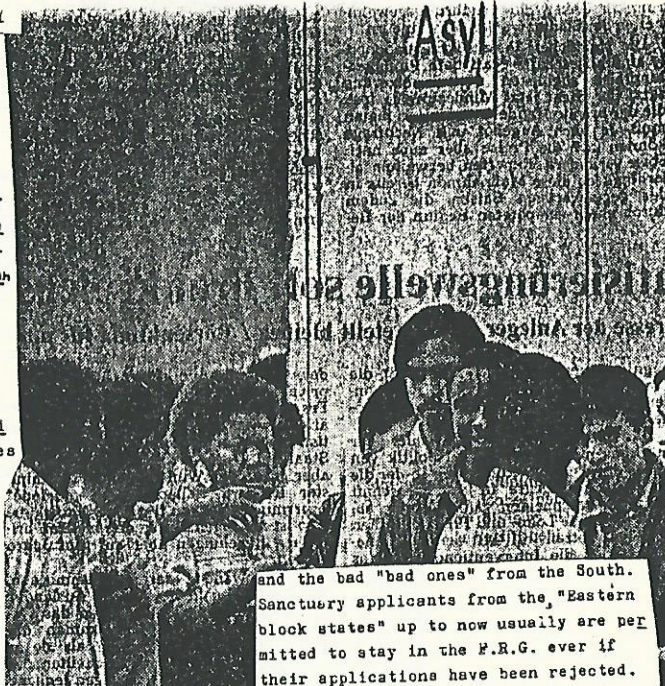
- 3.) Airlines will be forced to check stamps and visa.

- 4.) Administrative-bodies and courts will be better equipped to execute the deportation of refugees in a more consistent way. Baden-Württemberg (*1) decides to institute a central "Aliens & Deportation Bureau", to speed up the processing of applications to sanctuary & deportations.

- 5.) Baden Württemberg demands a "harmonization of sanctuary law at an European level".

- 6.) 'Political abstinence' of sanctuary applicants is also been discussed. In the future, they will not be able to refer to their political activity in the F.R.G., which is often directed against the country persecuting them.

These are the preliminary "dams" against the "flood" of refugees. They are possible within the boundaries of the constitutional right (Grundrecht) to sanctuary. The constitutional law (Grundgesetz) does not need to be changed, because from the beginning, the right to sanctuary was meant to be a means of propaganda against communism. Thus today there are two kinds of refugees: The "good ones" from the East

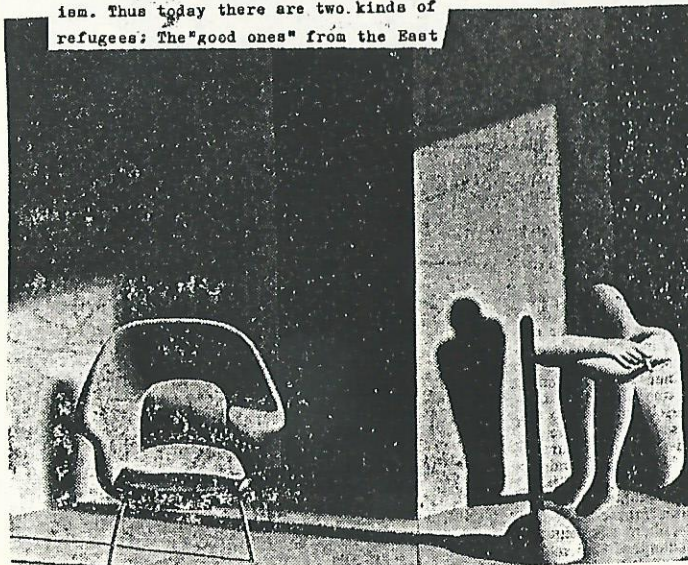


and the bad "bad ones" from the South. Sanctuary applicants from the "Eastern block states" up to now usually are permitted to stay in the F.R.G. even if their applications have been rejected. The basic right to sanctuary was, from the beginning, not meant for a "poorly populated", much less for left-wing resistance fighters. Motions of the KPD (German Communist Party) to take a right to work for sanctuary applicants into the constitutional law, as well as a right to sanctuary for people who had to leave their countries because of their anti-fascist & anti-militarist activities, were defeated at its conception.

A tightening up of sanctuary laws was easily carried through popular rage had been massively stirred.

In Berlin, at first there was temporary housing for refugees in gymnasiums. Then, tents were pitched on a sports field in the proletarian neighborhood Neukölln. By this action the Senate (*2) demonstrated the supposed "existence of a flood" of refugees, and was supported therein by its reactionary "citizen's initiative" (called) "Democracy and Identity". Deliberately, the neighbours were to be showed what would happen to the limited possibilities they had of using their spare time, if they did not take a stand against the refugees. A real scarcity of accommodations did of course not exist at any time.

The nationalists demanded of the G.D.R. (East Germany) to make the Wall more permeable, but only for the "east Germans". At the same time they mobilized against refugees from the South. The police raids



in refugee camps, justified with a barefaced suspicion of an involvement with a planned bombing in Berlin were the peak of the terror.

"The socio-technological management is testing the alliance the racist mob. Through social stigmatization through compulsory relocation & tent camps the path from xenophobic resentments to actual pogrom is being smoothed ... out of this development the state then derives the legitimization for the next thrust of state coercive measures" writes "Feuer und Flamme" (*3).

The F.R.G. is an industrial nation which exists in its very substance by the most extreme exploitation of labours. It is at the head of an imperialistic offensive. Its aliens - and refugee - policy is in line with NATO politics. It is not interested in taking in refugees from fascist states (like Turkey or Iran), whose terror-regimes protect the basis of its own profits. On the contrary, as is well known, connections with Turkey, via intelligence agencies for example, are excellent. Thus it is hardly surprising that torture is not accepted as grounds for granting sanctuary to Turks, since torture is justified as a part of police tactics necessary to discover resistance structures.

The 5 year work prohibition for sanctuary applicants is also actually only an adjustment to general standards of alien law. For all aliens a residence permit is coupled to a permanent job. Foreigners from E.E.C. (*4) states have the "privilege" of being allowed to look around freely for a job for 3 months. Without a job they will be deported, too. Non-E.E.C. aliens are really no longer permitted to

for example, thousands of Turks were offered money, so-called "return-aid", if they return to Turkey.

Their labour-power having been sufficiently exploited during the years of the "economic wonder", now in the crisis they are to be gotten rid of. What the work prohibition concretely means for the sanctuary applicants is that they now depend on un-guaranteed employment, under the-table work and illegal labor-lending firms and partly have to work for wages under the 5 DM-line. This suits the federal government quite well, by the logic of: if we can't deter or deport the sanctuary applicants, we just segregate them as coolies.

Within the E.E.C. a standardization of sanctuary law is planned. In this respect, deportation as it is practised among the European states is exemplary. "Among the democratic states of Europe, there is no longer any place for sanctuary law" says a report of the European Parliament in 1982. First steps toward this goal were the deportation of ETA fighters by France to Spain and an IRA guerrilla, who had escaped from Long Kesh, by Ireland to the North (that is G.B.). Another IRA fighter is currently threatened by "extradition" from the Netherlands to North Ireland (G.B.).

Facing these facts, we can only cite: "In the question of the refugees, no demands can be made by the State. The only goal can be to help the refugees (and all foreigners) gain a self-evident right, namely the right to stay ..."

The fight is for the self determined mobility of the poor and an exile for our communist comrades.

Remarks:

- *1) Federal state of F.R.G.
- *2) Government of West-Berlin
- *3) = Fire and Flame, a group of Revolutionary Cells
- *4) European Economic Community

(This article was taken from the initial issue of "Klasse Zeilen")

Volkszählung 87

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CENSUS 1987 IN WEST-GERMANY AND WEST-BERLIN

beginning in mid-may, in the F.R.G. and west-berlin a new attempt will be made to carry out a census.

this does not merely mean a counting of the people, as the german term "VOLKS-ZÄHLUNG" implies, rather, detailed questions will be asked, aiming at the creation of a complex and comprehensive mapping of social structure, lifestyles, education - the creation, in short of the "transparent" and thus controllable citizen.

a questioning on this scale (answers shall, if necessary, be gained by legal coercion)

is a singular incident in the democratic world. its background is the striving of those in power to be able to recognize and stifle resistance in its very beginnings; and its roots go back even to nazi-times.

with the coming power of all fascists in 1933 began the golden age of german statistics. the nazis needed reliable data to be able to plan their war -andextermination policies. the first large-scale inquiry was the census of 6-16-33, which was based on the "haushaltungsliste" (lit. household-listing), a precursor of the present-day

"melderegister" (a residence register). the goals of this inquiry were: determination of an optimum (target), number of births to be fulfilled by the "biologically" valuable woman -ascertainment of the actual number of the unemployed, so as to be able to plan their utilisation, e.g. in the case of a war.-determination of the basic data for that special file, being built up since 1934, for jews, gypsies and "anti-social elements". in 1935 the possession of an "arbeitsbuch" (lit. work-book, a book in which employments were registered) became compulsory; from this time

awards only workers with this book were hired, a copy of it was in the possession of employment centers and made possible the perfect registration and distribution of labour.

in the 1938 the "reichsmeldegesezt"(registration law) was enacted, which ensured registration at ones place of residence by the police. (this obligation to be registered and re-register a soon as one changes residence is still in force for today.)

by next census in 1939, already the whole population of the "reich" had been uniformly "carded", the personal of the statistics bureau had been

doubled and technology had been upgraded (new sorting and counting-machines).

the essential functions of the census 1939: -questions about education, military and labour service (labour service was an analogous to military service, i.e. it was compulsory and one had no choice about where one would be employed);

-questions on descent yielded information necessary for registering jews and calculating how much living-space and jobs would become vacant by their extermination.

after the beginning of the war the registration widened increasingly, e.g. POWs enlisted into compulsory labor were registered, out of the german army the bureau for mechanical reporting (amt für maschinelles berichtswesen) was formed, with the task of optimising the production.

this bureau had at its disposal

the most modern technologies which it got partly through leasing contracts with IBM.

since 1942 IBM was, via amsterdam, deeply involved in the development of nazi personnel data systems. the last project of the nazis was the introduction of a personal i.d.-number. only the end of the war averted the execution of this plan. after the war, this fascist tradition of registration and control of the population continued without a break in west-germany and west-berlin. the most important and fundamental components for a new "total registration" remained in place, such as the obligation to register at ones place of residence. the obligation to possess a "personalausweis" (an additional identification document existing alongside the passport, containing the current address without it, one cannot, for example, open an account or rent an appartement) was added.

since the student movement of the late sixties and during the activities of

the armed resistance in the seventies, the purpose and tasks of the police changed fundamentally. The "Bundeskriminalamt" (BKA) federal bureau of criminal matters, formerly a federal police agency with a rather limited field of duties, was extended to become the central superior investigation agency which today orchestrates the combating of resistance of any kind, or social or private unrest. Its goal: through investigation of social dynamics, it should become possible to prevent control them, to design political and police strategies enabling the state to action instead of merely react to society. The former chief of KdA Harold: "I see the main task of KdA in inquiringly penetrating the huge amounts of factual material on all kinds of 'evient behavior', that have been amassed," the statistical bureau, as well as all state and private data banks function as data forwarding agencies for the KdA and intelligence agencies. Literally every citizen is stored somewhere and thus readily retrievable for the ruling machines. Data access is possible on, e.g. the pension scheme data bank (42 million data), Fed. bureau of active vehicles (25 million), alien persons central register (5 mill), eleven special police data banks, business personal data banks, registration office, school d.b.s., public health agencies... the list could be continued. All these data just suffer from the drawback, that they are difficult to interrelate spatially and that there is no unitary system of access. This problem is to be solved with the new security laws. These have been partially enacted already. I.D.-card: a new document in record format with a computer-readable magnetic strip, which can be read at appropriate terminals, which exist in

every patrol car, at every border control. This means that within 3 seconds, on the one hand comprehensive information on the data stored about the proprietor of the card may be gained, on the other hand the creation of movement diagrams becomes possible through storage of time and location of controls. B): "schleppnetzfabrikung" ("trail or net" search for criminals): this law legalizes the aforementioned movement diagram strategies. C): ZEWIS-law: facilitates direct access by the police to the centrally stored data on automotive vehicle proprietors. Furthermore, laws are being planned legalizing cooperation of police and intelligence agencies, such a cooperation prohibited in the constitutional law of the FRG under the impression of Nazi rule (gestapo), but has been illegal in practice for years now. (The gestapo secret state police, was an intelligence agency division, which gathered some of its information through regular police and possessed police powers, e.g. the right to arrest someone.) The census now is meant to facilitate the spatial interrelation of the data, the comprehensive mapping of resistance potentials in the social structures and thus to carry out the attempt of 1983 was defeated by broad resistance in the population and the obvious unconstitutionality of the census. The personal I.D.-card-no. is now implicitly contained in the personal record, which in being issued as of April 1st '87, the legality of the census was established by passing appropriate laws. The results of the censusal (work-living-educational conditions, etc.) are to be organized spatially (by blocks)

and to be passed on legally to private industry (which can save on expensive market research this way). They will be used by the police machinery to compile so-called criminality atlases, to be able to quell resistance and prevent disturbances through a policy of specific infiltration, and they are supposed to perfect the residence registers with a huge propaganda effort. The people are to be made believe that data protection is guaranteed and their data will not be misused. Disregarding the fact that in the age of electronic data processing data misuse is rarely even discovered, the legal use of these data is the actual danger. The supposed anonymity of the questioning, which is also loudly propagated, has been disproved by computer scientists using comparatively simple programs, and the official justification of the census, that the data are to be used for "citizen-friendly planning" is also disproved by all planning up to date: never have the people been asked what they actually want, always statistics served to justify misplanning and to benefit capital. Popular resistance is growing steadily and has already reached broad sections of the people. Initiatives have formed to proliferate the idea of a boycott. The aim is to get as many people as possible to not fill out the census forms, but to bring the forms to the collection places, from where the arrest of the boycott can be made public, with the intent of politically and technically rolling the census. "Self-determination" and registration is difficult, but the insistence of the census, they need the cooperation of the population. This is their weak spot. Already they are having big problems finding enough counters, and it is realistic to assume that about 10% of the population will boycott. If so many were to boycott, the

whole project of the census will be pointless. Of course they are trying to criminalize the resistance, intensifying propaganda, appealing to loyalty to the state, no this loyalty exactly is for many people no longer existent. The boycott is a question of power, a question of how far they can go and how broad resistance can become. Up to now, we have the better cards-BOYCOTT!!



JAIL TO GRAFITI PAINTERS

3 young people have each got 40 days in jail for several times of grafiting - among other places, on Danish States Railway (DSB) wagons. It is the first time anyone are put in jail for grafiting, usually you get a fine.

Radio News 8-5-87



DANISH WEAPON PRODUCTION

Each year weapon are produced in Denmark, for several billions of kr. - it is not ready-to-use guns or planes (like Bofors in Sweden) but high-technological components to be used in the most complicated weapon-systems. The biggest part of the production is in 20 plants which produces for more than 4 bill. kr. a year, - some have 100% military production, but most have military, civil og "grey zone" production - that is: equipment which is officially called civil, but can be used for military purpose. Many of the danish firms got into military production after "the weapon-sale of this century": the buying of F-16 fighter-planes, by european countries. As part of this sale, these danish firms got "compensation orders" from the american F-16 producer, and now they deliver to many weapon-systems in different countries. So - here is jobs to be done in Denmark also - we don't need to be satisfied with foreign weapon-producers, we have a lot of real danish targets as well!

Børsen 4-5-87

MONODY-FESTIVAL.

This year the festival was exceeding all expectations. Punks from Denmark, Scandinavia and North Germany came together the 23th and 24th of April to make the Monody-Festival in "Huset" in Arhus.

Maybe 20 bands played and people were in high spirit. A lot of shops were raided for beers, food and alcohol. The power in the town changed to our favor in those two days.

The second evening the pigs entered the party. They stopped the music, forced people out and a little later they smashed a popular fire in a park in the area. 34 persons were arrested. A lot were beaten up or got in the mouth of pigdogs.

A group will make legal proceedings against the pigs.

SQUATTING IN ARHUS.

A former factory in Bøkerbergsgade 11 got occupied on may the 7. 40 squatters took part and in some hours the building was made safe by barricades and barbed-wire. The house has a lot of possibilities: More than 1000 m² with 10 living-rooms, great halls for concerts, a good roof for defense and sunshine, and a closed playground with fire-replace.

On the 7. day of the occupation is the kitchen working and the cafe is under moving to a bigger room, because of many friends and beers.

It's the first occupied house in town for years which not immediately smashed by pigs.

REFUGEES IN DENMARK

Some months ago Denmark was known as the model of human refugee's policy. Now it is a bad illustration for other European countries. The change came in October 1986 when the Danish Ministry of Justice undertook a tightening of the refugees policy.

One of the new laws means that refugees get checked as soon as they reach the Danish border or airport/harbour. All refugees who have sought asylum outside Danish borders are sent back. Also if they have stayed for some time in another country, they are sent back. Those who get over the border are placed in internment camps and have to stay there until their case is finished. Some refugees have lived in such camps for over 2 years. Circumstances in those camps make it impossible to take family or friends over to DK.

The number of refugees that slip in has been strongly limited since Oct. 86. Earlier it took 2-300 refugees a day, now it is 150 pr. month. It is also nearly impossible to get a visiting visa. This means that a refugee who was denied entry once, is forced to conduct his case from another country. He/she will never meet his/her lawyer. When conducting his case of asylum the refugee has to prove that he will be persecuted or in danger when being sent back to his homeland - in normal cases it is the Court that has to prove your guiltiness.

DK's refugee's policy officially is "to limit the stream of asylumseekers", but in reality DK tries to reach a total stop of refugees as soon as possible. This must be the conclusion regarding the tightening of the laws. Also the public is negative about refugees. This is may-

be the fault of the media which was not always too kind to refugees.

A research made by the Vilstrup-Institute shows that 46% of the public think that DK still receives too many refugees. 50% of those vote Socialdemocratic and belong to the lower class. They are maybe frightened that the refugees make their situation worse.

41% of the public think that DK takes enough refugees, and only 12% want the number of refugees increased.

This research has to be taken carefully, it doesn't show too much.

The media shortly brought some news about the refugees situation.

On 21.4 80 Libanese sought asylum in a church in Copenhagen. They were to be deported to Libanon, because the Danish Minister of Justice, Erik Ninn Hansen, found the situation in Libanon safe enough to send them back. Where he had got his ideas from no-one knows. The UN still recommend not to send refugees back to Libanon, as the situation is too dangerous. People who have returned to Libanon, got arrested and have disappeared, and were later found in Syrian prisons, according to documents owned by Amnesty International.

There are still 430 Libanese back in DK. 9 are directly threatened by deportation, 80 will be deported soon, according to the Danish Refugee's Aid.

There have been lots of protests against the deportation of the Libanese. There was a political majority for keeping them, and lots of refugee-organisations have had meetings with E.Ninn Hansen and the Refugee's Directorate to stop the deportation. It is now deferred, until Ninn Hansen has conferred with the Scandinavian UN and the European UN.

Another case is that of the 50 Iraqis who occupied another church in Copenhagen, also on 21.4.

They were to be deported to Syria, the place where they had stayed after fleeing from Iraq. They then flee from Syria and reached DK.

In this case the refugees had given personal information to the Refugee's Directorate, and these information was to be given to the Syrian Government in order to manage the refugee's deportation.

The occupation finished after 24 hours when the Iraqis were ensured they should not be deported and would maybe get asylum in DK when their case had been taken up again.

They also were ensured that their personal information had not been given to Syria, but who can believe who in these days?.



CANCER FROM POWER-LINES

The Swedish authorities will investigate whether living near to high-voltage transmission lines might cause cancer. All people, who have been living in houses nearer than 200m to a high-voltage line, is to be checked with the Swedish cancer- and death-lists, to see if this part of the population has a higher rate of cancer deaths than the "normal population". The cause for this investigation is a new rapport from USA which shows extra cases of especially children's leukemia, but also other forms of cancer, among families living near high voltage lines. Anders Ahlbom, in charge of the Swedish investigation, states, that it is not the lines themselves that are dangerous, but the magnetic field, created around them. Such fields are also in other places, like: electric railways, subways, and of course, in power plants. Parallel to the population-investigation the Swedish will find out whether power plant workers have higher cancer rate than other trades.

Fyns Stiftstidende 4-5-87

SHELL OUT OF DENMARK

More than 30 Danish Shell-gasstations have been exposed to attacks since November '86.

Windows have been smashed, tubes have been cut over, and 1000s of liters of gas have been destroyed by sugar.

Of course these actions were illegal, but the activists have managed to draw the public's attention by running a big information in the media, to make SHELL pull out of South Africa and its Apartheid-regime.

In Nov. '86 was started an anti-SHELL-campaign, with 22 attacks on Copenhagen-gasstations and 6 in Århus. Since then there have been attacks on gasstations in Hørning, Fårvang, Frederikssund, Nærum, and Nykøbing Mors, and too there was malicious damage on the SHELL headquarter in Copenhagen and on the company's trainingcentre in Brøndby.

Two activists gave an interview to Ekstra-Bladet (BoulevardPress) where they told that these actions would not stop until SHELL was out of South Africa.

'SHELLs only purpose in S.A. is MONEY, and we want to hit them economically by burning their gasstations. We do that even though we risk up to 10 years imprisonment.'

Earlier this year 2 activists had to pay 71.000 and 87.000 DKK damages to SHELL. Anti-Apartheid-groups like Sydafrikakomiteen and Mellem-folkeligt Samvirke have officially confounded to this radical methods of action. But they have instead tried to convince the public to buy their oil and gas at other places than SHELL. Some Danish communes also boycott SHELL.

In Århus and Odense SHELL-advertisements on busses were forbidden because of their political content.

On 31.March a gasstation in Copenhagen was attacked with firebombs and burned down.

On 4.May a SHELL-station in Nykøbing Mors got its tubes cut over and its pumping plant destroyed. 2000 liter of gas run out. The station was painted with 'SHELL out of S.A.-slogans.

Also on 4.May the Ekstra-Bladet called Winnie Mandela in her home in Soweto. She had heard about the massive protest against SHELL in Denmark, and said 'Any attack against companies that co-operate with the murder-regime in South Africa gives us more strength. Those people behind the actions are the true friends of the blacks fighting against the white Apartheid-fanatics.' She also told about the horrible situation in South Africa. 'In our fight against it, we greet attacks that help undermine this racist regime, with our applause.'

Shell
to hell



NEW YORK ACTION

From Wed. April 29 to Sun. May 3, anarchists, squatters and others participated in a combination teach-in/occupation of Tompkins Square Park in NYC. The purpose of the action was to publicize the plight of the squatters at the hands of uniformed thugs as well as to attract the homeless into considering squatting as an alternative to "shelters" or the park bench.

Due to rain and other factors, events didn't start rolling until Thursday night. We gathered and built bonfires and also cooked and ate a communal meal. We also planned events for Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately as we were sitting in the park on ninth street, working out plans for our event, some people were sitting in the ninth precinct, working out plans for their event.

The NYC police reserved use of the bandshell for Friday afternoon. They held a pseudo-event, a "Rock Against Drugs". Apparently school children were forced to tag along with their teachers after classes, chanting moving slogans such as "Crack dealers go to jail!". We find it interesting that the NYPD should choose May Day and Tompkins Square Park (traditional center of anarchist activity) to hold their anti-drug spectacle. We were rousted from the park by the cops and prevented from distributing our literature dealing with the problems of homelessness as well as proposed solutions. Our leaflets dealt with such diverse issues as spatial deconcentration and gentrification as well as "revolutionary" leftist parties trying to co-opt the squatting issue. In the future we will talk about these ideas in depth but just briefly it can be said that while officials estimate the number of homeless in NYC as 60,000 people, others put it at around 100,000. And for every homeless man woman and child there is an abandoned building lying around. The potential for these people to take money right out of the capitalists' pockets is real; so real that commissions are in existence to squelch the urban rioting that can take place here. The squats present a basic cell of resistance, practical, military and otherwise to the capitulo-statists.

Back to the event-by Friday evening we were able to return to the park. A teepee and shack were erected as symbols of refuge from the landlord and bureaucrat. The group was joined by many people such as two radical clowns from the Barnum and Bailey circus who showed up with food they had collected from circus workers. We sang songs and spewed propaganda until early morning. Then everyone retired to his/her own teepee, shack, bandshell or what have you and got a pretty decent night's sleep. Then in the morning while the anarchists and squatters abandoned the park in search of coffee, the cops came and tore down both shack and teepee. The stage had been set for a confrontation that we all felt had been brewing for a month.

The day of May 2 was quiet as other demos were happening in different sections of the city. That night around 8, a group of around 30 had reassembled in the park and the teepee was once again erected which infuriated the police. Blue anthropoids seemed to crawl out of the woodwork. Within twenty minutes we were facing a phalanx of some thirty police officers. The solidarity of the group was perfect; the cops' demand for a leader was answered with "we're all leaders" and "we don't have any leaders", which seemed to confuse them. In desperation they levelled the teepee once again. By now the community had been alerted and our ranks had swollen to around a hundred. The group sat around a garbage can bonfire (our bonfires consumed several hundred police barricades during the weekend) and sang songs like "Living in the Skidmore Hotel" and "I Shot the Sheriff". The mood of the local constabulary switched from disoriented to dangerous and they called in the fire department to extinguish our bonfires. The more the laws harassed us, the louder and more defiant our singing became. Then in a moment of crystalline spontaneity, a decision was made to march down the busiest street of the now trendy Lower East Side. In an instant, militants became marchers, leaving the cops staring at an empty bandshell, billyclubs dangling impotently. The shout of "NO HOUSING, NO PEACE" was raised by a hundred angry and harassed denizens of discontent while onlookers either stood dumbfounded or raised clenched fists as a sign of support. After about ten minutes, the police had recovered from their initial shock and set about to cut us off at the busiest intersection of the area. Then, just as a confrontation would have happened, it just ended. The marchers disappeared into the

droves of weekend debauchees and got back to the park to find that no cops had the foresight to stay behind. By the time the cops figured out where we were, the teepee was once again defiantly vertical. Once again they ripped into the teepee, tearing it down but not moving us an inch. The rest of the evening was spent dancing around a maypole or just amok and lauding ourselves and the community on such an outlandish success. The people had once more proven that you don't need to know what solidarity or spontaneity mean in order to live them as principles; besides that, we had won!

Two Criticisms of the Event

Leftist attitudes still seem to hang around and are hard shaken, even by anarchists. We still haven't learned not only to distinguish between active and passive participation, but to do something about it. The event at times wreaked of leftism as squatters and anarchists came by, saw small amounts of people, turned around and left. My question is, who is supposed to create these events if not the participants? Must we work out spectacles to keep people's attention so they'll hang around, or do we encourage people to help create the event? Well, we attempted to do the latter, and unfortunately it didn't work to well. Our failure to attract the artists roaming the street didn't bother me one bit; it was our failure to hold the interests of the very same people who claim to hate boring leftist rallies that bothers me. Our "failure" (a label given to the event by some anarchists) in attracting huge amounts of supporters during certain times and keeping peoples interests may say little about our abilities as organisers, but say even less about other people's interests. I saw little active participation. Even just being at an event can lead to active participation, but what seems to have happened is that we've gotten so used to trying to avoid rallies, occupations, actions etc., because they are dominated by boring, token leftist gestures of action, that we dismiss these types of things immediately. Although events of this type can be analysed as futile, they don't have to be. What's more, by that logic, most anything can be characterised as futile, our whole lives. If we can justify spending an hour or two in a cafe because it's fun, then we can justify doing the same (activity) in the park. Only difference is, in the park you can't exchange \$4.95 for some pre-fab form of enjoyment.

Initially, certain anarchists had been cool to the idea of working with the squatters. Then when it was discovered that there was the possibility of a confrontation with the police, the coolness turned to out and out fear and loathing. I was asked directly about the possibility of receiving bad publicity in the (capitalist) press. There was pressure to distance anarchism from the occupation. I was willing to bend with the winds then, but now I'm pissed. How much more anarchic can one get than squatting? Taking money from a capitalists pocket is the purest form of sabotage, and if you get a roof over your head in the bargain, so much the better! Further, where is the anarchist whose afraid of bad press? (except for maybe Bookchin) We should welcome it in the *Maixocapitalist* media. I'd be very wary of an anarchist group that was slobbered over in *TIME* or *Pravda*. Certainly different anarchists identify with different causes, and I didn't expect encouragement from all the New York acrats. But an attempt to derail an event because of the possibility of a confrontation with authority I find totally out of keeping with anarchist principles.

Further, a number of comrades dropped by at various stages of the occupation, they stayed for from twenty minutes to an hour then left, some pausing long enough to denounce it as a failure. The problem was, nothing was happening. So, how can I fault them? Easily. First, if nothing is happening doesn't the opportunity to make things happen automatically present itself? Or as I suspect, have these anarchists become so accustomed to the spectacle that when they aren't presented with rousing speeches and banners, or a band blaring out some new-age version of the Internationale, they simply don't know what to do. We must remember, ours is a movement of participation and activity. Let the Socialists and Communists ape the commodity of the spectacle. Such mindless diversions are for slaves, not anarchists! It is not enough for us to talk like anarchists, we must be anarchists. How many comrades were watching TV or spewing anarchist prattle in cafes when we marched? Will such a moment come again? Never.

Our goal is simply the emancipation of humanity, that purpose is not served by windbags in bars but by militants on streets.

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SQUATTERS CONFERENCE

On the weekend of May 16th the countrywide squat meeting happened at a specially squatted office building right near the Grand Hotel in Brighton. There were big meetings, workshops on many subjects (eg electricians), videos, beautiful food, canteen, womens space, etc. Saturday was a pretty chaotic fun and drunken-ness. In the town a hamburger joint, many rich cars, etc were trashed and deck chairs burnt. About 100 people from all over attended. Sunday was a bit more constructive, with a network conference, and more workshops. A gig was held in another new squat. The cops were furious. 2 people were nicked and held 3 days for illegal parking. They also raided at least 2 addresses after the conference, which they got by taking car numbers, and tried to accuse people of stripping the building where it was held. 1 people were held 2 days and brought back to Brighton for questioning, but released without charge.

THE NEXT ONE WILL BE IN LEEDS IN SEPTEMBER.

Squatters news... see news-
letter enclosed.

MORE DEPORTATIONS

1000's of people, mainly black, are facing deportation and vicious harassment. Resistance is weak. Individual cases are taken up by MP's trot groups, or local community. Here's part of a report from the anarchist/communist paper, Liberation (84b Whitechapel High St. Lon. E17 0X).

SCAPEGOTS FOR THE BOSSES' CRISIS

Now the British economy is in crisis, racist immigration laws are used to stop black people entering the country and to kick out those who are already living here. Deportations and removals increased by 11 times between 1973 and 1980 and by 41% since 1979. Fifty black people are deported a week. The number of immigrants has dropped by 42%. Immigration controls also give the police yet another excuse to raid people's homes and workplaces. Under the pretext of looking for "illegal" immigrants the police have often rounded up hundreds of people at a time and subjected them to humiliating checks and searches. A sinister state organisation the 'Immigration Intelligence Unit' exists to monitor (say on) the black community. Detention centres and police cells are full of people whose only crime is to be black and poor.

Against the general background of racist violence that black people face, immigration controls and deportations are yet another instrument of fear and oppression. Along with constant attacks and harassment from police and other racists and a backdrop of xenophobic hatred provided by the Tory media, the state is trying to crush black militancy.

GEORGE ROUCOU

George first entered this country when he came to work here in 1975. He entered on a British Commonwealth Citizens Passport which entitled him to live and work here - his permit had to be renewed annually. For three years everything went without a hitch until 1979, when his passport was lost either by the Post Office or the Home Office. The Home Office then told him he must apply for a new passport from the Sey-

chelles (his "country of origin") now independent. By this time George had married and it was on this basis that he was allowed to stay. When this marriage broke down the Home Office decided he had no legal grounds to stay.

George is an active and popular shop steward and has much rank-and-file support, not only from his own workmates

(Manchester Direct Works) but from many other union branches all over the area. He has a common-law wife, Kim, and has three children with one on the way. His only crime is that he is black in a racist Britain.

Contact the George Roucou Defence Campaign, Room 3005, Town Hall extension, Manchester

DOLE STRIKE

In the 1st week of May the Civil Service union CPSA went on strike in the London area so all dole offices were on strike for 1 day (with weekends 3 days for people without cash). In some boroughs (Islington, Hammersmith, Lambeth) town halls made emergency payments quickly, but elsewhere we had to fight. In Camden on the Tuesday 200 angry people occupied the Town Hall for 7 hours, forcing the council to change its policy and make payments to everyone. In Hackney the front of the Town Hall was squatted on Weds night by 20 people.

By Thurs midday 50 people occupied the whole town hall. But the council refused everything and used cops to end the occupation, instead offering soup kitchens. Next time (probably in June) we need to be better organised.

On Friday Haringey Civic Centre was occupied by 100 angry claimants demanding money. After their removal the claimants moved to the Treasurers office and squatted that as well, but, as in Hackney, the Council refused to pay.

CAPR, CAPOA

The CAPR continues and is coordinating the defence of those arrested on April 14th. Court appearances began on Tues 19th May with a support picket outside. It seems the cops are taking the cases seriously and are pressing heavy charges. The Coalition against the Public Order Act has now folded due to lack of interest. The group NEVER became cohesive.

In support of the Aboriginal Land rights in Australia 2 demos happened this month. They were called because native groups asked us to hamper the Bicentennial celebrations. 200 yrs since white British colonisations began. The main event is a reenactment of the first fleet of 11 tall ships going from Portsmouth to Sydney via Cape Town. The cost of a berth for the 9 month voyage is £15,000. Part of the fleet left from London. 20 of us tried to stop the ship in St Catherine's Dock by padlocking lock gates, bridges (even Tower Bridge). But they had boltcutters on hand and we didn't delay them long and attracted masses of pigs. The 2nd try was in Portsmouth 3 wks later at the official sendoff by the Queen. The pigs were ready early and nicked everyone who tried any thing (banners, leaflets, abuse) 20 nicked, 10 held overnight and charged.

ANTI ELECTION NEWS

Many local groups of us have begun actions against the upcoming Election farce. Campaigns include 'Don't Vote', 'Vote for Nobody', and even standing silly candidates eg Rainbow Alliance, Brixton Insane extremists. Flyposting, graffiti, stickers, leafletting, etc, has been done in many areas, with excellent public response.



WELCOME TO THE POLICE STATE

The following comes from an emergency issue of the paper 'Poison Pen' which was suppressed recently and which we reprint in solidarity with those arrested for getting up the establishment's nose.

On the morning of Thursday 26th March, about 30 police were involved in simultaneous raids on 3 premises in Hastings and St Leonards. All three are the homes of local people involved in the restarted POISON PEN anarist rag. During these raids police took away two transit vans full of material and arrested six people. The police had search warrants issued by local magistrates Michael Chaloner (4 Hamilton Gdns, Hastings, Tel: 429179) granted on information given by Detective Inspector Paul Miller allowing them to search for:

things which there is reasonable cause to believe have been used or are intended for use without lawful excuse to destroy or damage property belonging to another or to destroy or damage property in a way likely to endanger the life of another AND articles which have been used or are intended for use in connection with threats to cause damage AND material and articles which have been used or are intended to incite or attempt to incite others to do so. (Section 6 criminal Damage Act 1971)

Amongst the stuff taken were: typewriters, a duplicator, duplicating ink, staplers and other printing equipment.

This is quite clearly an act of political repression aimed at silencing POISON PEN. It has failed. We will not be silenced. We will not be intimidated.

Also peoples' personal possessions were ransacked and removed by the police including personal papers, diaries, letters, birthday cards, artwork, photographs etc. This is the sort of action that even establishment politicians and journalists recognise as oppression if it happens in South Africa - so what is it here?

The six people arrested were held at Hastings police station for 7 hours and then released without being charged but have been bailed to go back to the station on 22.5.87. In the meantime the police will not return any of the items taken in the raid.

The police have told the local papers that these raids and arrests are in connection with acts of damage to property that have occurred recently; if that is the case why is it that nobody was questioned about anything other than POISON PEN, who writes what, who prints it etc etc?

Solidarity actions have spread in support of the sacked strikers at Laura Ashley fashions' factory at Ardrossan in Scotland. The workers, protesting against slave labour conditions, have been refused union help but support has spread far and wide. On May 16th a dozen shops were picketted in Britain and pickets have happened in countries all over the world. Contact: Anna Brugden, 28d Montagu St, Ardrossan, KA22 8EQ, Scotland. Tel 0315570718. 11-4pm Mon-Fri.

On 18/4 5000 punk fans gathered in Brixton for a concert by Conflict with Crass quests. Trouble was expected on a leaflet giving 'riot targets' in Brixton was circulated. Afterwards fighting broke out as hordes of baton happy pigs drove the dead drunk punks out of the area. It was good to see crowds of white youths blocking the main road yelling 'PC Blakelock' at the filth. Many windows broke and dozens of us and quite a lot of police were injured, with over 50 arrested.

After great initial enthusiasm the 3 anarcho-squatters pirate radios have been reduced to one. Radio Interference still going strong. a Do It Yourself manual on how to make transmitters and be a pirate has just been published. Tapes of international news are welcomed. BM 1502, London WC1N3XX

An attempt at a 2 day squatters festival was badly attended due to a last minute change of venue. It eventually happened at the re-squatted old church at Willingdon Road in Harinje. Another one is planned in July.

Organising gigs and plans are going ahead for Stonehenge 87, but no festival is likely. Land squatting in any numbers is banned under the Public Order Act. Gathering points are the big safe camp in orchards in Orpington in Kent. A big 'Cruise Watch Picnic' is planned near Stonehenge on June 13th at the picnic site, Ridgeway, Urchfont Hill. On June 16th a move from Glastonbury Festival towards the stones. On June 17th the demo at the chemical and biological warfare centre at nearby Porton Down. And on June 21st the mass 'solar ingress' to Stonehenge itself. Contact: Box FIN, c/o 99 Torriano Ave, London NW5.

A 17 year old from tooting, Sth London, has been charged with the murder of a Brixton prison officer. (see Ekonomia London no5).

POLICE ATTACKED

Tension is high in many black inner city areas around the country. There's little media coverage so we have few details, but recent events include:

In Birmingham a gang of kids threw a molotov at a passing cop car. Amazingly the cop got out and tried to give chase, only to find his car trashed when he returned.

In Toxteth in Liverpool 3 plain clothes filth got hurt when chasing a local youth. When their chosen victim stopped outside a cafe in Toxteth centre the locals gave the police a taste of their own medicine...serious head and internal injuries all round.

In St Pauls, Bristol a similar incident occurred, but this time the chasing cops were rescued by a passing riot squad, leading to 3 nights of 'disturbances' as local youth played 'hunt the cops'.

In Notting Hill, London yet another severe beating by police on a local black man inside the police station leads to very high tension in the area.

ALF NEWS

Raids continue all over the country (see Diary of Actions) despite a vicious media hate campaign. All the Unilever prisoners are now out of jail (25 imprisoned for a '04 raid on a Unilever vivisection lab...longest sentence 2 1/2 years. Ronnie Lee is now off 'category A'.

ABORTION UNDER ATTACK

Along with the usual 'rape horror' stories the press headlines were recently filled with the story of a woman in Oxford who wanted an abortion and her boyfriend's attempts (sponsored by the anti abortion campaign) to stop her. The papers dwelt on the man's abject despair at being deprived of his child by his selfish ex-lover. The woman was hardly mentioned except to imply she wanted the abortion out of spite. The man lost the court case, then tried to take it to the House of Lords, but fortunately couldn't get it through in time... A temporary victory.

NF BATTERED

Recent incidents include clearing the Brick Lane market (in the Asian area of East London) of fascist paper sellers one Sunday morning, and a few NF battered on a march thru London on May 1st.

A conference by the Black Peoples Campaign for Justice was held in Brixton on 25/4/87.

YUPPIES OUT

In the East end of London the local Class war group has been hitting the headlines with a popular Yuppies Out campaign... This is an attempt to stop gentrification of working class areas. Actions in the area include rich cars being stolen, burglaries, muggings, abuse and at least 2 arsons. These were a Stoke Newington estate agents and best of all a complete warehouse of newly built luxury flats razed in Wapping.

On Wed 20th May 50 people gathered outside the US embassy for an all night vigil in support of the Hopi and Navajo native peoples who face evictions in the Big Mountain area.

The non stop picket of the Sth African Embassy by the city AA group continues. So does the Greenham Common womens Peace camp.

Viraj Mendis is still in sanctuary in a church in Hulme, Manchester. Local support is good.

This year's May Day weekend saw a historical demonstration in Haringey, London, with over four thousand people marching against anti-lesbian and anti-gay bigotry, and against racism. The 'Fight the Backlash' demonstration organised by Haringey Black Action and Positive Images was the first step in building a political coalition against the right-wing alliance (consisting of right-wing Tories, 'Parents Rights Group', and the National Front), which has been organising against the council's policy of positive images of lesbians and gays in its education service.



Flees tear gas: A woodcutter is seen running from police and tear gas at the Consolidated-Bathurst pulp and paper mill on New Brunswick's north shore yesterday.

ed woodcutters clashed with heavily armed riot police when they tried to stop logging trucks from delivering wood to the mill in Bathurst. Police arrested 35 people.

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36 held as tear gas used on woodcutters

BATHURST, N.B. (CP-Staff) — Thirty-five people were arrested yesterday as riot police lobbing tear gas clashed with woodcutters on New Brunswick's north shore.

The police used the tear gas to break up a human blockade formed by 250 unemployed woodcutters, who were trying to stop two logging trucks from delivering wood to the Consolidated-Bathurst pulp and paper mill.

The woodcutters had sealed off the only highway entrance for

trucks to this northeastern New Brunswick city. There were no injuries.

"The riot police went by my place, banging on their shields," said Doady Armstrong, who lives nearby. "It looked like a scene out of a movie."

But the confrontation between police and protesters turned into a tactical standoff by mid-afternoon as the woodcutters stood by and let another four trucks pass without incident.

While RCMP riot squads,

armed to the teeth with shields, helmets, clubs, gas masks and tear gas, went through their SWAT team routine, smiling woodcutters stood on the side of the highway cheering and clapping their hands.

"We don't want no problems with the law," said Michel Aube, a spokesman for the New Brunswick Woodcutters Association. "We had 35 guys stopped this morning and we don't plan on having more stopped now."

The 35 workers were charged with obstruction.

The dispute is based on differential prices paid to union and non-union loggers who cut wood for the mill. The non-union woodcutters have also complained their working conditions in the woods are atrocious and that they are forced to live in dilapidated shacks.

In Fredericton, Justice Minister David Clark told reporters he gave the order to call in the riot squad.